



**NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
PALMETTO RAILWAYS ACCESS ROAD, FLETC PARCEL AREA
NORTH CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA**

DHEC (the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control) is accepting public comments on a proposed Voluntary Cleanup Contract through October 13, 2015.

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract, 15-6158-NRP, will affect approximately 24.64 acres located on the former Charleston Naval Complex, North Charleston, South Carolina. The property is further identified as a portion of Tax Map Serial Number 400-00-00-004. The South Carolina Department of Commerce, Division of Public Railways d/b/a Palmetto Railways (“SCDPR”) wants to acquire the property from the current owners. This Voluntary Cleanup Contract will be between DHEC and SCDPR.

The property was formerly used by the United States Navy and is currently used for equipment / materials storage and law enforcement training. The past use of the property may have caused environmental pollution on the property.

DHEC uses Voluntary Cleanup Contracts to encourage productive reuse of Brownfield sites. SCDPR intends to develop the property as a portion of the railway intermodal facility. If this Voluntary Cleanup Contract is implemented, DHEC will allow SCDPR to acquire the property as a “Brownfields Site” because of the potential for environmental pollution from past activity on the property.

DHEC will not hold SCDPR responsible for pre-existing pollution in exchange for doing work under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Under the proposed contract, SCDPR will test soil, groundwater, sediment, and surface water on the property. If significant contamination is found, SCDPR will be required to take steps to protect human health and the environment. SCDPR did not create the pollution, but will control it to keep the property safe for re-use. Under State law, SCDPR will not be responsible if anyone has been affected by the contamination. The responsibility of former owners or operators of the property is not reduced by this contract.

The proposed contract is available at <http://www.scdhec.gov/PublicNotices/> . Printed copies may be obtained from the DHEC Freedom of Information Office at (803) 898-3882.

The public may provide written, email, or telephone comments on the proposed contract through October 13, 2015. Questions or comments may be directed to Jerry Stamps, Project Manager, by e-mail at stampsjm@dhec.sc.gov telephone (803) 898-0927, or Alex Fulmer at TOLL-FREE telephone (866) 576-3432. Written comments should be directed to Jerry Stamps at SCDHEC, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.